



NU'UANU/ PUNCHBOWL NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 12

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016
PAUOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Phil Nerney called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. **Quorum was established with 10 members present.** (Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.) Chair Nerney welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Board Members Present – Mason Aiona, Joe Duax, Nicole Hori, Paula Kurashige, Michael Lum, Phil Nerney, Ethann Oki (arrived at 7:18 p.m.), Cora Spearman-Chang, Joli Tokusato, Bob Vieira, and Sylvia Young.

Board Members Absent – Audrey Hidano (notified) and Patrick Smith.

Vacancies – There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl).

Guests – Fire Captain Craig Uchimura (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Baron Lee and Sergeant Creighton Hatico (Honolulu Police Department – District 1); Lieutenant Brian West (Honolulu Police Department – District 5); Iris Oda (Board of Water Supply); Nelson Koyanagi (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative/ Director of Budget and Fiscal Services); Representative Karl Rhoads; Ronald Higa, Sam Wolff, and Kuaika Jendrusch (Residents); and Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor Neil Baarde (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Craig Uchimura reported the following:

- April 2016 Statistics – There were 0 structure, 0 wildland/brush, 1 nuisance, and 0 cooking fires with 5 activated alarms with no fire. 41 medical emergency calls, 0 motor vehicle collision with pedestrians, 2 motor vehicle collisions, 3 mountain rescues, 0 ocean rescues, and 0 hazardous materials incidents.
- Fire Safety Tip – Hurricane Season – HFD encourages every family to take the necessary steps to prepare for the hurricane season that runs from June 2016 to November 2016. Everyone should have a plan in place, a survival kit, and a way of staying informed on impending disasters. Additional information can be found of the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Emergency Management (DEM) website at www.honolulu.gov/dem.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed: Nuisance Fires – Aiona asked and Captain Uchimura responded that there was one (1) nuisance fire and nuisance fires are usually fires outside of a structure like burning leaves for example.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 1 – Lieutenant Baron Lee reported the following:

- May 2016 Crime Statistics – There were 7 motor vehicle thefts, 5 burglaries, 14 thefts, 10 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), 3 assaults, 1 sex assault, 0 graffiti, and 0 drug cases. There were 805 total calls for service in District 1.
- Safety Tips – Lieutenant Lee reminded the community to lock one's vehicles and make sure nothing can be seen on the seats of the car. Park where visible, increase safety by installing an alarm, and make sure the insurance and registration is secure in one's car.

Ethann Oki arrived at 7:18 p.m.; 11 members present.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Pedestrian Safety – Spearman-Chang noted that she walks with her children and knows not to cross the street until the steady white walk hand appears and asked if a car passes in front of her can she report the license plate to HPD. Lieutenant Lee responded that if a license plate is reported, an officer will be sent to the known address of the license plate and HPD will educate the driver, but the witness needs to identify the driver.

2. Fines for Pedestrians – Young noted that there is a new proposal regarding fining pedestrians and asked if HPD is in support of the proposal. Lieutenant Lee responded that he is unaware of the proposal and suggested directing the question HPD administration. A resident noted that on the news he heard that starting Friday, July 1, 2016 there will be more enforcement of pedestrian violations and asked what the difference will be from the previous enforcement laws. Lieutenant Lee responded that there will be more enforcement but will start with a sign waving event, a warning phase, and then full enforcement.
3. Homelessness – Resident Sam Wolff noted that his home had been burglarized and asked if HPD monitors the homeless in the area. Lieutenant Lee responded that HPD does not monitor the homeless people and suggested calling HPD if anyone sees anything or anyone suspicious. Wolff noted that he always sees people running up the hill and throwing rubbish along the hill near his home. Lieutenant Lee responded that he will inform the other units in the area and reminded the community to call HPD if they see anything suspicious. Spearman-Chang noted that there is a homeless encampment on Iolani Avenue and Magellan Avenue and commented that if they slide or roll down, they would land on the highway. Lieutenant Lee responded that he will send a patrol and will also inform State agencies.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 5 – Lieutenant Brian West reported the following:

- May 2016 Crime Statistics – There were 5 motor vehicle thefts, 7 burglaries, 12 thefts, 10 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). There were 927 total calls for service for District 5.
- Pedestrian Safety Tip – Lieutenant West noted that in his time he has noticed that motorists are doing well and it is pedestrians mostly at fault. Pedestrians need to make eye contact with the drivers before walking.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Crosswalk Light Timer – Spearman-Chang noted that the walk light is only on for three (3) to five (5) seconds and asked why the time cannot be longer. Lieutenant West responded cars have to go too and noted that if people miss the light, they should wait for the next light just as cars do. Lieutenant West commented that that 100% of the pedestrian fatalities he has responded to could have been prevented by the pedestrian. Young noted that she worries when she is making a right turn and because of the pedestrians who are on their cell phones and then run into the street without looking. Lieutenant West responded that in every country, red means stop/caution/danger and the instructions are right above the crosswalk button.
2. UEMV's on Pali Highway – Kurashige commented that she heard pig hunters have been getting their cars broken into. Lieutenant West responded that it is not the pig hunters but the tourists' cars whose cars have been getting broken into because they leave bags on the seats with the car unlocked. Kurashige asked if three (3) to four (4) officers would be enough to for the Kaniakapupu area if a park was made for picnickers. Lieutenant West noted that all policy issues should be addressed to the District Commander or Chief and commented that the reservoir is State jurisdiction along with the Pali Lookout. Kurashige noted that the Pali Highway crosswalk light is 14 seconds and commented that it is not long enough.

Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) Reports – Kurashige raised a concern about Nu'uanu Valley Park and commented that she spoke with Rosalind Young from the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) about having updated signs at the entrance of the park and about the pole where the sign should be almost being knocked down. Kurashige noted that people are afraid to go into the park and suggested having the boy scouts or a volunteer group that could keep the signs and the park clean. Kurashige commented that Young might be able to have the lights turn on at 5:30 a.m. because there are some people who use the park as early as 4:00 a.m. Chair Nerney noted that Kurashige's previous concern was about enforcement and asked if she would like the park enforced or not. Kurashige responded that her concern is the wording on the signs so nobody else gets arrested, and she would like the signs to be upgraded so both the public and HPD are aware of what is permitted. S. Young suggested contacting the boy scouts headquarters to see if there is a troop that might want to do the service project.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Iris Oda reported the following:

- Main Break Report – There were no main breaks in May 2016.
- Annual Water Quality Reports – The BWS works hard to ensure that the water served to the customers is safe to drink. Each year, the BWS conducts thousands of tests on the water sources and distribution system to ensure that municipal water meets or exceeds all federal and state safe drinking water standards. The results of those tests are shared with customers in the annual water quality report, which will be mailed to all customers by Friday, July 1, 2016. Digital copies of water quality reports and additional water quality information is available at the BWS website, www.boardofwatersupply.com. If there are any questions about the reports, contact the BWS Water Quality Division at 748-5080.

- BWS Water Waste Hotline – The hot summer months are right around the corner. Home water use typically rises during the summer, so the BWS would like to remind all residents to be vigilant and avoid wasting water. There are a few simple things you can do to save water:
 - Check for property leaks
 - Avoid watering lawns between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and
 - Turn off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.

Should anyone observe water being wasted – a broken water pipe, a malfunctioning sprinkler, a faucet left running, or something similar – consider contacting the BWS Water Waste Hotline at 748-5041 or at contactus@hbws.org and provide:

- The location of the problem (an address or nearest possible address is helpful)
- The type of waste occurring (leaking faucet, broken sprinkler head)
- And any additional information one may have.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Main Breaks Follow Up – Oda noted that there was a main break on Alika Street and commented that it was not reported as it happened early June 2016 and after work hours. A Nixle notification went out to those in the area, but the community should call 748-5000 as it is the general information hotline. Kurashige noted that people did call, but they could not get through. Oda will follow up.
2. Red Hill Fuel Tanks Sampling – Hori asked for a follow up on the Red Hill Fuel Tanks sampling that was supposed to occur every three (3) months. Oda will follow up with the report.

FILLING OF VACANCIES ON BOARD – There were two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 (Punchbowl). As there were no nominations or volunteers, Chair Nerney deferred this item to the next meeting.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Downed Speed Limit Sign – Resident Sam Wolff raised a concern about a 25 miles per hour (mph) speed limit sign being down slightly below Ahecolo Street on Pacific Heights Drive. Wolff also suggested that the Board host a Candidate Forum because there are several qualified candidates, and it would be valuable for the community if the residents had an opportunity to have their questions answered.
- Elected Officials – A resident raised a concern and noted that the State should delay the air conditioning of schools because some of the bids are too high. The contractors and officials think they can take advantage of public funds and get automatic approval. The public is slowly realizing the situation and the elected officials are representing the corporations and go against what the public wants. Most of the contractors are doing jobs that are required to be on time and meet the budget but there has been no restraints from the elected officials regarding the Rail project. The people need to stand up and be accountable for the situation and asked the community to be vigilant.
- Kamamalu Market – A resident noted that she and her mother came to a Board meeting in 2015 and noted that they have a growing concern about the patrons of Kamamalu Market because the patrons have been blocking the one (1)-way lane that is also their driveway on Nehe Lane. The residents have noted that the patrons have been swearing at them and at one (1) time a car had rolled down and nearly hit a child. The patrons do not apologize and HPD says to keep calling them. The residents are trying to figure out what they can do to keep their driveway safe and the residents have also noted that the market has been robbed before as well. Chair Nerney noted that the Mayor's Representative is available to take the concerns and send it to the proper agencies. Chair Nerney asked if the residents call HPD when a car blocks their driveway. The residents responded that they do but sometimes they arrive 45 minutes later and they cannot do anything if the car has moved, even if there is a picture to prove it happened. A Board member asked if there are any signs that indicate a private driveway. The residents noted that it is a public street but a "No Parking Sign" is posted on the street because they have a trash pickup and mail delivery on their curb. Chair Nerney noted that people sometimes get the idea that the Neighborhood Board can do something about problems, but there are elected officials who can take action. Aiona asked and the residents responded that the people usually come around 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and noted that there are kids that wait outside for adults to buy them beer. Aiona suggested calling the police before they come and then if it still takes them 30 minutes, they should be in time to see the incident. The residents noted that an officer was at their home when a car turned around in their driveway.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Nelson Koyanagi, Director of the Department of Budget and Fiscal Services, reported the following:

- Slurry Seal – The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has scheduled improvements to drain the sump area on Wood Street to the nearby drain inlet by the end of June 2016 pending available resources. The work was completed on Tuesday, June 7, 2016.
- Traffic on Aala Street and Beretania Street – The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) noted that the repair work was completed in May 2016. Young noted that American Savings Bank (ASB) bought the corner lot and plan to build be a five (5)-story structure and the driveway will be on Aala Street and is wondering if before the permit can be issued, if a study can be done to change the access to Beretania Street. Young noted that temporary traffic people can change with, but it would be a permanent change and would like to see the study before the permits are issued. Director Koyanagi will follow up.
- Rail Leadership – Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) noted that the appointment of the replacement for Donald Horner, a Mayoral appointee, is within the Mayor's discretion pursuant to the Revised Charter of Honolulu 17-105(2). Mayor Caldwell appointed Colbert Matsumoto on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. The HART Board of Directors elected its new leadership in a public meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2016, Colleen Hanabusa was elected Chair, and Damien Kim was elected Vice Chair.
- Booth Park Maintenance – No response from the Department of Parks and Recreation was given, Director Koyanagi will follow up.

Questions, comments, and concerns that followed:

1. Wood Street – Kurashige thanked Director Koyanagi for helping with the Wood Street water drainage and noted that she had written a letter of thanks to Tyler Sugihara and another letter with suggestions of how the trough could be improved, since the area has been trimmed where the gutter was before and now the edge is sharp. Kurashige noted that brought two (2) copies of the letter for the secretary and the Chair, and commented that the gutters used to be cleaned twice a week.
2. Storm Drains – Hori noted that she has been noticing the gutters full of debris on some streets in Pauoa. It is especially a problem for those between Kanealii Avenue and Pauoa Road which has a little slope. There is not enough of a curb in order to direct the water from along the whole street when a storm comes. Hori noted that she hopes a comprehensive study of the streets with have had a slurry seal to identify those which have had gutters filled in an also where drainage problems may be a problem. Kurashige noted that slurry and asphalt are always being added when I should have been reviewed first. Hori noted that the gutters on Pacific Heights Road have had drifts of leaves that were piled up from the last major rain, as well as some large rocks up to two (2) feet across. The gutters should be cleared to prevent debris from ending up in the storm drain, and also to improve the side of the street for pedestrians. Duax noted that on the corner of Auwaiolimu Street and Lusitana Street, there are concrete storm drains that are breaking up. Director Koyanagi will follow up.
3. Booth Park – Aiona asked how the City is doing with the restroom vandalisms that have been occurring, because he would like to show Director Koyanagi some pictures of where someone deliberately splattered paint on the ground where kids play, including on the equipment. Young noted that there is a potential problem with Booth Park and since the Vice Chair of the Parks Commission is on the Board, would it be possible for him to assist Aiona with getting his issues addressed because bathroom vandalism is occurring all over the island. Young noted that the Board is just trying to prevent anything from happening at Booth Park. Hori noted that she noticed mildew covered signs and asked if the City has looked into getting a better sign coatings for rainy areas, so they can remain legible and the Boy Scouts will not have to clean them. Director Koyanagi will follow up.
4. Nehe Lane – The residents from Nehe Lane asked who or what agencies should they contact to help with their issues. Director Koyanagi responded that they should write a letter or contact someone in DPP, Liquor Commission, and The Department of Transportation Services (DTS). Spearman-Chang asked if there was a direct contact. Director Koyanagi responded that he will pass on the information to the various agencies.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – No representative was present. A report was provided.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present. A report was provided.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – No representative was present and no report was available. Kurashige noted that Senator Chun Oakland will be hosting a hike on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to see some of the devastations at Kaniakapupu to help provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) with information on having a picnic area for tourists. All are welcome to attend.

Representative Sylvia Luke – No representative was present and no report was available.

Representative Takashi Ohno – No representative was present and no report was available.

BOARD BUSINESS

Adoption of May 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes – Chair Nerney asked for a motion to adopt. **Duax moved and Young seconded that the Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 APPROVE the May 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Aiona, Duax, Hori, Kurashige, Lum, Nerney, Oki, Spearman-Chang, Tokusato, Vieira, and Young; NAY: none; ABSTAIN: none).**

Action, Regarding Three (3) Absences of Ethann Oki – Oki asked to remain on the Board. Young noted that usually when people are absent, they notify the Chair or the Neighborhood Assistant and asked what his status has been, absent or notified. Oki responded that he has been busy with work, in May 2016 there was a big function for his office and he also has been busy with night meetings from March 2016 to May 2016. Oki noted that his attendance should return to normal and in the future he will notify the Chair or the Neighborhood Assistant. The Board took no action to declare Oki's seat vacant.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Lum reported that for May 2016, \$5.64 was spent for printing, \$29.17 was spent for postage, and \$0.35 was spent for envelope costs, leaving a balance of \$56.24. The Treasurer's report was filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Regular Board Meeting – The next Nu'uanu/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Pauoa Elementary School cafetorium. Thanks to Principal Dale Arakaki and his staff for allowing the Board to meet at the school.

ADJOURNMENT – As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Nerney adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Submitted by:
Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor

Reviewed by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Nicole Hori, Secretary